

Ela Township Board Meeting Thursday, October 14, 2004

7:30PM

**Village of Lake Zurich Board Meeting Room
70 E. Main Street, Lake Zurich, IL
Approved 12-09-04**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33p.m.

2. Board Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Burch and Sullivan. Absent were Trustees Black and Knudtson. Also present was the Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg and Assessor Hoffman.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comment

At this time there were no public comments.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Regular Board Meeting September 9 and Special Board Meeting October 6th – plus, Executive Session Meeting Minutes for April 8, May 3 and 13, June 10, July 8, August 25 and September 9th .

Because of all the absentee voting going on in the Township office and the Clerk having only one employee to help her the minutes are not completed for this meeting but will be in the November Board packet.

Supervisor Tinerella's motion to approve and release the Executive Meeting minutes of April 8th, May 3rd, 13th, June 10, July 8th, August 25 and September 9th, 2004, seconded by Burch. Roll Call: Trustees Burch and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 2 to 1. Supervisor Tinerella voted nay.

6. Approval of Board Audit for Disbursements from 9/9/04 – 10/13/04

<u>Date</u>	<u>General Town</u>	<u>Gen Assist.</u>	<u>Gen Road</u>	<u>Perm Road</u>	<u>Park</u>
<u>9/9-10/13/04</u>					
Vendor Pymts.	\$92,203.60	\$2,170.34	\$9,497.50	\$186,912.66	\$8,617.16
Payroll	\$84,793.58	0	\$495.11	\$ 20,978.09	0
Totals	\$176,997.18	\$2,170.34	\$9,992.61	\$207,890.75	\$8,617.16
Grand Total 10/13/04					\$405,668.04

Trustee Burch's motion to approve the expenditures for 9/9-10/13/04 of \$405,668.04, seconded by Trustee Sullivan. Roll Call: Trustees Burch, Sullivan and Supervisor Tinerella all voted aye and the motion carried 3 to 0.

Some discussion on some attendees going to T.O.I Lake County installation dinner and the consensus of the board was not a problem.

The Assessor would like a separation written in the audit on the salary to Mr. Huntsha showing different pay from the different departments and not all coming out of the Assessor's Department.

7. Line Item Transfers – \$700 from #15499 (youth center programming at Foglia YMCA) to #15562 (food snacks for after school program at Ela Township Center in the Foglia YMCA)

Supervisor Tinerella's motion to approve the line item transfer of \$700.00 from line item #15499-Youth Center programming at Foglia YMCA to line item #15562-food snacks for after school program at Ela Township Senior Center in the Folgia YMCA, seconded by Trustee Burch. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Burch and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 3 to 0.

Trustee Sullivan clarified the motion of the \$5000.00 compensation to the Highway Commissioner each year for handling the Senior Bus service and this compensation is non-transferable if the Highway Commissioner does not handle the bus service the compensation would automatically go back into the General Town Fund.

At this time Agenda item #10 – **Fairfield Cemetery Association- discuss their needs and how Ela Township may be able to assist-consideration and possible action** was moved up on the agenda.

Fran Alton gave a brief summary on the Fairfield Cemetery.

- a. The cemetery was founded in April 7, 2004 by Trustees of Methodist Episcopal Church of Russel's Grove of the town of Ela, county of Lake State of Illinois (this church was located on the Southwest corner of McHenry and Quentin Roads.
- b. First burial 1848- Hagerty and 1852- Skinner.
- c. Fairfield Cemetery Association filed with the Secretary of State November 16, 1917.
- d. By-laws adopted May 24, 1919.
- e. Cemetery licensed July 5, 1949
- f. War of 1812 Veteran 1
- g. Civil War-9
- h. World War 1 and 2- 4
- i. Ela Township owns 2 lots in Fairfield Cemetery Lot 73 with 8 graves of which five are occupied-Lot 96-vacant 8 graves.

Supervisor Tinerella's motion to contact the Ela Township Attorney on the legal aspect of taking over the Fairfield Cemetery- no second

Trustee Sullivan's motion to move forward for Ela Township to take over Fairfield Cemetery and the Trustees of the Cemetery can turn over documents to the Township, seconded by Trustee Burch.

Clarification of the motion: Trustee Sullivan's motion for the Ela Township to take over the operation and running of the Fairfield Cemetery and that Trustee Sullivan will obtain all the information the Township needs to take over the Cemetery, seconded by Trustee Burch.

Supervisor Tinerella wanted to make sure that she was voting on just getting information on taking over the Cemetery in a formal way and something has to be in the budget and she does not want to pay a lot of legal fees either but the Township's legal council should look over this process.

Trustee Sullivan has been in contact with other Townships and this take over could be a money maker for the Township.

Trustee Sullivan already has people who will cut down trees and mow the grass.

Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Burch and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 3 to 0.

Supervisor Tinerella is voting aye only if this take over process is done a little more formal.

8. Monthly Updates from Elected Officials (Township Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor, Road Commissioner and Trustees) and Youth Center Director for After School Program at the Foglia YMCA

Supervisor report:

- a. The Social Worker is not here tonight and the law enforcement agencies are still waiting for a detailed plan on how the Township would handle certain cases for law enforcement before they will agree to work with the Township Social Worker. The Supervisor knows that the Social Worker is working on this process. Need a tracking system are referrals also.
- b. Senior Director is at seminar in Peoria as a guest speaker on Senior programs.
- c. The newsletter is mailed out.
- d. The Happy Holidays Christmas Party is December 3rd, 2004 at St. Francis Church 6 to 9:30p.m. and to make a reservation call 847-438-7823.
- e. Special Town Meeting on Tuesday October 26th, 2004 at Lake Zurich High School performing arts center at 7:30p.m. This meeting is asking the Electors for approval to purchase sixty acres of land from District 95.
- f. Notice from Ela Township Attorneys on the time period when newly elected Officials can take office after the April fifth election. Supervisors, Clerks and Trustees will take office the third week of May not the first week as in the past years. The Highway Commissioner takes office the first week.

Highway Commissioner's report

- a. The Stoplights are finally completed at Midlothian and North Lakewood.
- b. Schlessers Farm development on Old McHenry is coming along nicely and there is a hearing next week at the Lake County and the Highway Commissioner will be attending and will not protest the subdivision but will not okay the use of Forest Lake roads as these roads are too narrow for construction equipment and traffic from one hundred and nine more homes.

Assessor's Report

- a. Have finish reviewing the final edit of values for 2004 assessment year.
- b. Have turned the books over to the chief County Assessment Official this afternoon.
- c. Anticipate the factor to be two and a half percent.
- d. Assessments should be publish October 28,2004 depending on the paper.

Parks Committee-Trustee Burch

Trustee Burch asked he Highway Commissioner about the time frame of trenching of Knox Park are they waiting for the football season to be over with?

The Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg replied that A.P. Electric would not do the trenching without a permit and as far as he knew they hadn't applied for one.

Supervisor Tinerella stated that usually A.P. Electric applied for the permit and added the cost to the bill. The Supervisor will co-ordinate this with A.P.Electric.

Trustee Burch will investigate the changing of the striping colors at Ela Town hall parking lot as this change was requested by the Lake Zurich building department.

Finance Committee -Trustee Sullivan

a. Finance Committee has been working on two different projects-

1. The Fairfield Cemetery Association was going to petition the Township to take over the cemetery.

2. He wanted to set the record straight on all the negative conversation regarding the Board intent purchase sixty plus acres from school district #95. We are all hearing things like we don't need the land. We don't have a plan. Give the three million to Lake Zurich Parks and Recreation. We will be building monstrous buildings. There will be Sports lights in the athletic fields. An article in the Fence Post stated that Township shouldn't buy the land just because the money was burning a hole in our pocket. This article kept saying we don't have a plan but yet he kept stating what was going to be put on the land.

How can you have a set plan until you buy the land.

The Township has a vision and ideas of what is needed.

If you don't get the land where are your children and grandchildren going to be playing in the next couple of years.

This money has been sit aside over the years by former boards and to just give away this money will cost three to four times and you will not be able to find any land in the area.

To give all the money away to one village or town- do you realize that Township Government was here way before Villages or Towns were developed.

This money and all Township properties belong to all the people in the Township and they all should have a say.

We will not be building large buildings no more than two stories and the Township will be needing more office space in the future.

Everything we do will be complimentary to the surrounding area.

Please come and vote on October 26, 2004.

Supervisor Tinerella stated that the confusion came from not communicating with Hawthorn Woods about the Township plans. After meeting with the Mayor yesterday that the issues with them seen to be 1. Ela Township residents have already paid for this land. 2. The proposed use of the land is inconsistent with Hawthorn Woods master plan which is single family homes and open space. 3. Hawthorn Woods has the feeling that we are unwilling to work with them.

Assessor Hoffman stated that the money will be going right back into the school district budget and this will create less of a tax burden in the future for the people in Ela Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. Joint Meeting VLZ Park Committee & Township Board – Tuesday, October 19th at 6:30pm – reconsideration to have board members meet with VLZ Park Committee to review their master plan and discuss common goals to meet community needs

Trustee Sullivan stated that this was on the agenda last month and a committee could be formed after obtaining property. Trustee Sullivan said this meeting should include all the Villages in the Townships not just Lake Zurich.

This meeting will be tabled until later.

Trustee Burch was upset about articles in the Newsletter which showed that there was a separation between the Supervisor and the Board. The whole Board voted for this land purchase and he did not like showing this separation.

All other unfinished business will be on the November agenda:

- (a) Social Worker – Tracking Referral Sources and Residents Served
- (b) Tax Objections for Years 2000 and 2001
- (c) Freedom of Information Requests – cost for copies.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Fairfield Cemetery Association – discuss their needs and how Ela Township may be able to assist – consideration and possible action

This was moved up on the agenda and taken care of earlier.

11. Special Town Meeting – Tuesday, October 26th – action to approve meeting agenda

Omit the roll call sheet.

Count the hand vote or have a ballot.

Three minutes on comments.

Handle the vote like Annual Town meeting.

Have a question box and take out three questions pro and con to be answer.

Supervisor will create a fact sheet.

A three minute limit on all the conversation and comments.

Supervisor Tinerella's motion to adopt the agenda as received by the Attorney two days ago and agenda with ten items on it, with the addition to items number seven and eight of three minutes limit on all comments, seconded by Trustee Burch. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Burch and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 3 to 0.

Supervisor Tinerella's motion that the Township (Supervisor will be glad to prepare it and this will be passed around through the Administrator to make sure everyone agrees with it) for the creation of what the Supervisor is calling a fact sheet and additionally when the meeting takes place there will be two boxes when ever people check in to vote on the issue that they will have an opportunity to be the person to speak for or against the land purchase and address their question to a Township Board member, seconded by Trustee Burch. Roll Call: Trustees Burch and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 2 to 1. Supervisor Tinerella voted nay.

Adjournment

Supervisor Tinerella's motion to adjourn at 9:00p.m., seconded by Trustee Sullivan. Roll Call: Supervisor Tinerella, Trustees Burch and Sullivan all voted aye and the motion carried 3 to 0.

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Lucy Prouty-Ela Township Clerk